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The nomination of General J. H. Sharp for Representative, by the Democracy of Lowndes county, will be hailed with pleasure by the many old soldiers who served under and with him during the war. No more gallant soldier ever wore the gray than J. H. Sharp. He is true and warm in his friendships and open and uncompromising in his hostilities. Being honest, faithful and capable, he will make a good Representative.

The Lowndes county convention last Saturday unanimously instructed for Gov. Lowry for Governor, and Dr. W. L. Lipscomb, of Lowndes, for Superintendent of Public Education. A resolution was also adopted endorsing Senators George and Walthall for reelection to the U. S. Senate. The following excellent county ticket was nominated:

Representatives—J. H. Sharp, J. T. Harrison and W. H. Cook.
Sheriff—C. L. Lincoln.
Treasurer—J. A. Snell.
Assessor—R. Willeford.
Coroner and Ranger—D. L. Acker.

KEEP UP THE BOOM.

When the question is put directly to the citizens of Vicksburg, for or against the shops, a very large majority will vote for them. They cannot afford to do otherwise. There may be, in the judgment of some, a little risk in voting for the shops, but there is certainly very much more risk in voting against them. If after all the efforts to secure them, Vicksburg falls it will be a very serious blow. So many calculations have been made on getting them, and so many enterprises have been started in the belief that this addition to the population and wealth of the city would be made, that failure now, would discourage the citizens, and seriously retard the growth of the place. It is far better to take the risk of the vote asked, secure the shops and the good will of the powerful corporation, than to attempt to endure the paralysis of enterprise that would surely follow a negative vote. The good sense of the citizens of Vicksburg will enable them to weigh all these things carefully before the matter is voted on, and we have very little doubt that the vote will be overwhelmingly in the affirmative.

It is true the proposition as it is to be voted on is not satisfactory to quite a number of good citizens; and it is true that no proposition would meet the approval of all; at the same time, when the citizens have to meet the issue, shops, or no shops, they will almost unanimously decide for the shops. They should fully understand, that this is positively the last chance to secure them. There can be no doubt the patience of the L., N. O. & T. is worn threadbare, and the vision must be had promptly and decisively.

We trust the Mayor will call the election for the earliest legal time, that the matter may be settled. We are confident Vicksburg will make the best of her opportunity, secure the shops, enhance the value of all her real estate and keep up the boom of improvement.

Levee Figures.

AUSTIN, MISS., July 6, 1885.
J. M. Heathman, Member of Levee Board—
Dear Sir: Replying to your inquiry, the total quantity of work already done on the line of levees during the past season is 1,994,400 cubic yards.
The estimate of the additional work needed to build up the whole line to standard grade, that is three feet above the high water plane of 1882, is 2,061,514 cubic yards.
In the present condition of the old levee, it being deficient both in height and base in most places, it would be difficult to save the district from disaster, with a recurrence of the water of 1882. Very respectfully,
T. G. DABNEY, Chief Engineer.

Special Memorial Services.

GALENA, ILL., July 27.—Special memorial services were held here last night at the first Methodist Episcopal church, of which General Grant was a regular attendant during his visits to this city. The auditorium was heavily draped in mourning, and Gen. Grant's old pew was festooned with stars and stripes bound with bands of crape. The services were of a solemn and impressive nature. Addresses eulogistic of Gen. Grant's life were delivered by Rev. S. S. Helsby, Major G. S. Avery, Major R. Barrett, R. A. Frederick, J. H. Liddle and others. The church was crowded to its utmost capacity.

THEIR REWARD

The Evening Post, which has never aided the Democratic cause, so far as we can remember, has very persistently discussed Congressman Catchings' endorsement of Mr. Groome for postmaster at Vicksburg. It has offered much advice and many suggestions to President Cleveland, the man whom it did not hesitate to stab at every opportunity last fall, when the Democratic party was straining every nerve to elect him. It greatly admired Mr. Kelley, because it did not think he was giving Mr. Cleveland a hearty support, and referred to the Democratic standard bearer as an accidental nobody. It absolutely disgusted many, very many tried Democrats of Vicksburg, with its sly and treacherous attacks on the Democratic party and the candidates for president and vice-president. For a long time it lost no opportunity to belittle Democratic effort, and when it thought the party might get enough electoral votes with those of New York, it did not hesitate to state that the North would not submit to such a decision. After all of its miserable failures to influence popular sentiment, it has joined eight or ten young kickers, in their efforts to annoy Gen. Catchings for simply doing his duty as he understands it. It does this, right in the face of its refusal to define its position when asked to do so by county Democrats in convention assembled, and when it is evident to all that it intends to oppose the Democratic party of Warren county in the coming campaign. It even goes so far as to threaten the President with the Republican majority in the Senate, if he should dare appoint Mr. Groome. We presume it has as much right to speak for the Republican party as any paper in the South, but its threats are as vain as those it made, when it thought Mr. Cleveland would only receive a slender majority of electoral votes. If the President decides to be advised by a Democratic Congressman instead of a little hypocritical Republican paper, and appoints Mr. Groome, the Senators from Mississippi will probably have enough influence to secure the confirmation, notwithstanding the effort of the sly, little tricky sheet in Vicksburg, called the Evening Post.

In the mean time, we ask the Democrats who have continually supported the little Radical sheet, what do they think of its unjustifiable attack on Gen. Catchings, to say nothing of its past mean record? If Gen. Catchings is properly sustained by our people, he can be, and will be, of vast benefit to Vicksburg and the Mississippi Valley. It strikes us that Democrats, who support a sheet, that is opposed to Democratic effort, shows submission to a Radical boss, and persistently misrepresents and belabors our Democratic Congressman, are not true to themselves. The Post is now and has been ever since it started living off Democratic patronage, and at the same time doing all it can to cripple the Democratic party and prevent Democratic success. It is true the Radical boss, who boasts of his money, gives it his patronage and countenance, and helps it very much, but good Democrats in Warren county have been its principal supporters. And their reward is to read daily fierce onslaughts on the Democratic Congressman of the District for following a practice that custom has almost made a prerogative, and to witness it while it slanders Democrats and snarls at the Democratic party.

Decided to Contest the Council's Action.

MILWAUKEE, July 27.—A meeting of property holders in the fourth ward was held Saturday night, and it was decided to contest the legality of the common council's action in granting right-of-way over streets to the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul road in securing entrance to its new depot grounds. It is claimed that the act was unconstitutional.

A Large Number of Americans Alotted Seats.

LONDON, July 27.—It is now announced that service in memory of Gen. Grant, at Westminster Abbey, will take place August 4. Dean will read service. A large number of Americans have been allotted seats for the occasion.

Jewish Farming—Rabbi Ben Amplifies His Previous Expressions on the Subject.

Rabbi H. M. Ben, of Vicksburg, who took a decided stand against Israelites entering agricultural pursuits, at the United Hebrew Congregation which closed here yesterday, in discussing the matter with a Post-Dispatch reporter this morning spoke as follows:

"I am absolutely opposed to 'Jewish farming.' There can be nothing in that occupation, as there is nothing in any other, that can be, or should be, especially Jewish. It is un-American to mix up denominational matters with a good citizen's mode of earning his livelihood. Israelites may be farmers and planters, but they are not so, and should not be so, in connection with their creed. God save us from the time when the country shall be sectioned out by the churches. It would bring out a nice state of affairs in the produce market. There would be a basket of Catholic eggs, and a sack of Methodist potatoes, a crate of Episcopal tomatoes, and a barrel of Jewish onions. Still more comical would the stock market appear. Imagine an Israelite swine, a Catholic ass, a Methodist sheep, a Baptist cow, and so forth, ad infinitum. I am further of the opinion that by the peculiar history of the Hebrews for the last thousand years their brains have been developed to a wonderful degree in the direction of financing and mercantile pursuits. Forbidden under their persecutors to have a home and to own land, with no avenue left open for their pursuits but trade, while their enemies intended them evil and annihilation, Providence turned it to their good, and by their wealth and success as bankers, capitalists and merchants, they are now actually the third great power of the world, occupying a position which no other walk in life could ever have insured them. This especially, enabled them to give their children under all conditions the very best education, secured them material comforts, made them patrons of science, art and learning, and preserved them under the most cruel social conditions, so that they now stand a wonder and amazement to all the civilized world.

If Hebrews have the desire to become farmers, let their children be educated and brought up as such. No money will ever buy this need per se for success in this branch of our important industry. Then let them own their farms and plantations to their hearts' content, and mingling with their fellow citizens as neighbors and friends, they will then succeed in breaking down the walls of prejudice that still exist in many directions. Clannishness and sectarian exclusiveness will not do it. Never! never! So no specific Jewish agriculturists for me!"

Last Act of the Deceased Warrior Ought to Be Remembered.

LONDON, July 27.—The Daily Telegraph, in an editorial referring to Gen. Grant's determination to finish his book, says: "There is something of Walter Scott's heroic grappling with financial ruin. This last act of the deceased warrior's life, which ought to be remembered in his favor along with his other great claims to English respect and admiration when the service in Westminster Abbey is held.

Accidentally Killed.

CHICAGO, July 27.—Last evening John Golden, carriage painter, together with his friend Chas. Davis, a plumber, went into a saloon, No. 345 State street, where they had several glasses of beer. George Link, the bar tender, a man of twenty-one years, and a friend of Golden and Davis, pointed to a pile of silver dollars behind the bar and said, "Jack, how would you like to play with those?" Golden remarked, "Let's have a look at them." Link placed the money on the bar and at the same time picked up an old fashioned three barreled pistol, which he playfully pointed at Golden, while the latter was handling the coins. The pistol was discharged, the ball entering Golden's left breast. He ran out of the saloon to the sidewalk followed by Link, who caught the wounded man in his arms and held him there until he died, which was in five minutes afterwards. Link was arrested.

A Man Found in a Box Well Armed.

ELROY, WIS., July 27.—A box was shipped on the express Saturday night from Black River Falls to Chicago. The messenger became suspicious of the contents and telegraphed the authorities here. On the arrival of the train here the box was opened and inside was found a man armed with a 38 caliber revolver, a billy, a razor, bottle of chloroform and a bunch of cord. He refused to give his name. The box was shipped to Sydney L. Barnard, Chicago. Two or more persons, supposed to be confederates, were arrested here yesterday. All three are in jail. It is supposed they had planned to rob the mail and express car. Nothing is known here regarding the identity of the men.

The Vicksburg Postmaster'ship, Congressman T. C. Catchings has endorsed Wm. Groome, one of the proprietors of the COMMERCIAL HERALD, for postmaster here. T. W. Campbell, another one of the proprietors, left Saturday night for Washington with the petition and endorsement in his pocket. There is great excitement here and much dissatisfaction among the half-dozen applicants for the place and their friends.—Times-Democrat, special.

There appears to be a good deal of effervescence among the young bloods of the Heroic City over the foregoing announcement. Under the sounding title of Young Men's Democratic club, an even dozen young Democrats, very young we presume, promulgate collateral anathemas upon the said Groome. The specifications to the charge, which encased in a resolution is forwarded to the President, are, 1st, partnership in business with a mugwump, one Campbell, printer; 2d, partnership with a bulldozer, one C. E. Wright, editor. Several columns of clippings accompany the specifications as exhibits.

"This is a regular 'double ender,' which it is difficult to conceive how Mr. Groome can avoid. If he pleads justification as to the B. D. the President has no use for him. If he chooses the M. W. as his ark of safety, the Senators love not that sort.

As to Mr. Groome personally, he is served before the President as a person 'unfit for the position,' (specifications omitted.) And "that his appointment does not meet the approval of our business men nor the Democratic party" etc.

We fear the young Democrats of Vicksburg have as yet failed to learn one of the most essential lessons of political teaching; subordination, tolerance. In this performance of theirs, which has subjected them to much ridicule, they have taken a stand which they will not be able to maintain. We greatly regret it, because it will impair the influence of what ought to be a most useful organization.

In a candid, manly interview published in the COMMERCIAL HERALD, Gen. Catchings more than defends his choice. He says of Mr. Groome:

"He is a printer by profession, a gentleman of fine business qualifications, and has conducted a large job office in this city for many years with success. He has all the qualifications needed to make a good postmaster. He is intelligent, sober, industrious, of unimpeachable integrity, and without, of a most amiable disposition. I have taken occasion to talk with a number of our merchants and citizens, and they tell me that I could not have made a more admirable and unobjectionable recommendation, and such is the advice I receive from all quarters. I am sure it gives very great satisfaction to the party. Scores of active working Democrats have come to me and thanked me for recommending him. As to his party services, he has always been an active and constant Democrat, and he is now chairman of the board of election commissioners. As to his services to the people, he has uniformly furnished them in himself an example of virtue, sobriety and industry."

Gen. Catchings cannot be justly blamed by Democrats, young or old, when he recommends a person possessed of these qualifications.—Greenville Times.

Whisky in the Basement of a Post-office.

DES MOINES, IA., July 27.—At 2 o'clock yesterday morning at What Cheer, an attempt was made by fifteen men to purloin a lot of liquor that had been taken by the prohibition league on search warrants. The liquors were stored in the postoffice basement. Postmaster B. S. Brainard was awakened and placed himself on guard. As the door was broken in he fired, killing John Deyard. It is believed another man was wounded, who was carried off. His act is approved by the citizens. Considerable excitement prevails. About three hundred dollars worth of liquors are held in the basement. Some of the parties are arrested and warrants are out for others. The postoffice and adjoining buildings look as though they had been used as a barricade for a Parisian mob. Eleven large lights are broken in the windows.

Damage by Saturday Night's Storm.

DESVIER, COLO., July 27.—The Mayor of Colorado Springs estimates damage from Saturday night's flood at \$25,000, principally in county. Mrs. Eaton's body has not yet been discovered. It is now believed campers on Shook Run were notified of the coming flood and reached places of safety. Damage by last night's flood in Cherry Creek will not exceed \$10,000.

Distressing Scenes Witnessed.

MADRID, June 27.—The cholera here remains inert. The largest number of cases occur in Saragossa. The late storms appear to have an adverse effect upon the epidemic. Some places distressing scenes are witnessed. Many bodies are unburied. A majority of the inhabitants have fled. The remainder are incapable of attending to the sick.

FROM LAKE PROVIDENCE

William George Found Guilty—John N. Decker Found Dead.
Special to the Commercial Herald.

LAKE PROVIDENCE, July 27.—The jury in the case of Rev. William George, which had been locked up Friday night at 8 o'clock, reported Saturday noon with a verdict of guilty of murder as charged.

John N. Decker, formerly of your city, was found dead in a room at the Arlington Saturday. Cause of death supposed to be an overdose of opium. He was found dead behind his bed, lying on the floor. Supposed to have been dead two hours before he was discovered.

From Shreveport.

Special to Commercial Herald.

SHREVEPORT, July 27.—In the United States court to-day Judge Boardman appointed Jno. W. Wheaton and Lewis E. Carter masters in chancery in the case of the Shreveport & Houston railway. Capt. Simon Levy, receiver of the road, had an interview with Mr. E. L. Bremond, general manager, and arrangements were made for a general turning over of property, etc., to-morrow. Mr. John R. Jones has been appointed by Capt. Levy to take an inventory of the road, rolling stock, etc., and receive same in his name. He had a further understanding with Capt. M. G. Howe receiver of the Houston, East & West for a speedy completion of the two roads. Capt. Howe leaves for Houston to-night.

The court orders that defendant company and all parties who may intervene for their interests, appear before Lewis E. Carter, master in chancery, to-morrow, and show cause why the receivers application to complete the road should not be granted.

Major E. A. Burke, of the Times-Democrat, and Mr. Ed Enderlee, geologist, who have been investigating iron and other minerals in North Louisiana, passed through here last night for Texarkana. They will return to-night; Major Burke going through to New Orleans and Mr. Enderlee remaining here for a time. Their investigations have been very satisfactory.

From Jackson.

Special to Commercial Herald.

JACKSON, July 27.—The deputy sheriff of Attala county reached this city last night with the city marshal of Kosciusko, named Shipsey, the man who so cruelly and wantonly murdered Avery, in that city last Monday, without cause or provocation, and while the latter piously begged him not to kill him. The sheriff became convinced Friday that a mob had organized to lynch Shipsey, and he was quietly informed that if he desired to prevent it, he would have to leave with him, and accordingly he brought the prisoner here. A large mob of armed men visited the jail at Kosciusko Saturday night and forced the jailer to go with them through the jail. After becoming convinced that Shipsey had been removed they quietly dispersed, swearing vengeance on him when the opportunity presented itself.

Capt. R. W. Banks, the new internal revenue collector, will assume formal control of the office August 5th.

Every Meal is a Trial.

To the dyspeptic, flatulence, heartburn, oppression, indigestion, are the inevitable sequences of his use of the knife and fork. To say of him that he gratifies the cravings of appetite would be genuine satire. He only appeases them. Is relief attainable? Certainly, and by the use of a pleasant as well as thorough remedy. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. Will it cure immediately? Certainly not—it does not effect miracles. But it does give prompt and unspeakable relief, and will, if persisted in, produce an ultimate cure. Not only does it impart relief to the food, but promotes its conversion by the stomach into rich, health and strength sustaining blood. Super-sensitiveness of the nerves, mental depression, and morbid slumber, produced by interruption of the digestive functions, are also remedied by it. It is the finest preventive and curative of malarial disorders, and rheumatic constitution, rheumatism, kidney and bladder ailments, and liver complaints.

Will Prove Beneficial in Its Results.

NEW ORLEANS, July 27.—The board of management to-day decided to allow the cities of the United States to make collective exhibits of their manufacturing industries at the American Exposition. This action will, it is believed, prove beneficial in its results. It is a different plan from that pursued last year, when such exhibits were not deemed permissible, thereby losing to the Exposition the invaluable displays that Baltimore, Philadelphia and other cities were preparing. Chas. S. Hill, of the State department, Washington, was to-day appointed by the board of management commissioner to correspond with all American consuls in the interest of the American Exposition.

*** Male weakness and loss of power promptly cured. Book 10 cents in stamps. World's Dispensary Medical Association, 668 Main street, Buffalo, N. Y.

Gen. Smiley to Succeed Mr. Harrison.

WASHINGTON, July 27.—It is reported that Gen. Smiley, late adjutant-general of Ohio, will succeed Mr. Harrison as assistant commissioner of the general land office.

JOHN NELSON DECKER.

His Mysterious Death at Lake Providence.

Elsewhere will be found a special telegram from Lake Providence, announcing the death, by poisoning, of Mr. John Nelson Decker, at his hotel, in that place, Friday evening. He was a native of Rochester, N. Y. He was about 45 years of age; was an attorney-at-law, having license to practice in the courts of New York, and at the time of his death was solicitor general of the Insurance order Knights of the Golden Rule, with headquarters at Cincinnati and Louisville. He first made his appearance in this city about twelve years ago in the capacity of an advertising man, and was successful in getting up several advertising schemes, one among which was a single issue of a newspaper out of which he made considerable money. He also did local writing for the Vicksburg Times. He left here and went to New Orleans where by chance he met Miss Anna Sparrow, daughter of Gen. Sparrow, a planter of East Carroll parish, who, with his family, was spending the winter in the city. She fell in love with Decker and in opposition to her father, who looked upon Decker as an adventurer, married him. The result was too sad to relate. Within a year or but little more Mrs. Decker died from a broken heart leaving twins. After a short time Decker left his children, which were eventually placed in the convent in this city, where they have been ever since, and are now two interesting and beautiful children, they being the wards of Mrs. Chaffee, of New Orleans, who had charge of Gen. Sparrow's property after his death. It is charged by friends of the family here that after the death of Mrs. Decker that Mr. Decker was preferred and accepted \$1,000 provided he would relinquish all claim to the children and any interest they might have in their grandfather's property, and would leave the country. (This charge was denied emphatically by him during his recent visit to this city.) About two months since he returned to Vicksburg, having been absent about nine years, saying he had come back to look after his children. He met considerable opposition in this. He made application, and letters of guardianship were granted to Decker by the chancery court of this county some weeks ago for the two little girls. A few days ago Judge W. G. Wyle, as attorney for Decker, brought suit against Mr. Chaffee, Jr., administrator of the estate of Gen. Sparrow, in the District court of Louisiana, for one-third of the entire estate, which comprises four very valuable plantations in East Carroll parish, La., and said to be valued at at least \$100,000.

Gov. McEnery orders an Investigation.

Special to the Times-Democrat.

BATON ROUGE, July 26.—Gov. McEnery has sent the following letter to the district Attorney of Richland parish, which explains itself:

Executive Department, State of Louisiana
Baton Rouge, July 24, 1885.
P. H. Toles, Esq., District Attorney, Rayville, Richland, La.

Sir—I respectfully call your attention to the reported brutality on one Phillip Wiley in the convict camp at Crew Lake, with the request that the matter be thoroughly investigated by you, if practicable, and that the attention of the next grand jury be called to it. An extract from the Vicksburg Herald of July 17, is herewith inclosed for your information.

Respectfully yours,
S. D. MCENERY.

The extract alluded to, gave an account of the brutality said to have been practiced on the convicts at Crew Lake by the prison officers.

Serious Railroad Accident.

ATLANTA, GA., July 27.—A trestle near Muscatine, on the Georgia Pacific railroad, fell yesterday while the passenger train bound for Atlanta, was passing over, pitched the passenger cars down. Six persons were seriously hurt, two of them fatally. William Barry, engineer, had his head and stomach crushed and badly mangled. Miss Smith's legs and arms were broken. These will die. George Williams had a leg broken and one eye put out. Mr. Walker, a line repairer, was generally cut up. Two passengers are missing, believed to be dead in the debris. The wounded was brought here this morning.

Give Him the Full Penalty.

CHICAGO, July 27.—Sophia Schultz, of 20 North Desplaines street, went to Justice White this morning and demanded a warrant for the arrest of Wm. Monaghan, carpenter, living at 18 North Desplaines streets. Mrs. Schultz had purchased a picture of Gen. Grant, draped it and hung it up. Monaghan catching sight of the picture uttered a most blasphemous and derogatory remark about the dead hero and tore the picture into shreds and stamped on it. Justice White promptly issued a warrant. He will be tried to-morrow.